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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Mountain View - ISIS Puts Out Call for Supporters to 'Fulfill the Call' on Social Media

(U) ISIS supporters renewed a call for online operatives to become cyber jihadists if they are unable to fight for ISIS in the traditional sense. A posting distributed in English, Arabic, and French by the Ashhad Media Foundation shows a hooded figure in front of a laptop computer branded with the ISIS insignia and icons of social media sites in the background, including Twitter, Facebook, Google Plus, Instagram, and YouTube. They also include the employment networking site LinkedIn. Ashhad is being used to call on supporters to open social media accounts to spread ISIS propaganda.

SOURCE: 18 October 2017, PJ Media

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Michigan – Growing Concern over Drone Drops at Michigan Prisons

(U) Lansing – There is a growing concern in Michigan's prisons about drones. Items like drugs, weapons, and cell phones are being dropped from the sky by drones into prison yards around the United States, putting inmates and unarmed corrections officers at risk. The Michigan Corrections Organization says there have been five confirmed drones hovering over Michigan prisons since May, with more than one confirmed contraband drop. An incident in Ionia led to three arrests.

SOURCE: 18 October 2017, CNN

(U) Maryland - Man Shoots Six People at Work Places, Killing Three

(U) Edgewood – An employee at a Maryland countertop business opened fire on five co-workers yesterday morning, killing three of them, and then drove to Delaware and shot a former colleague at a car dealership, according to authorities. Police departments along Interstate 95 from Maryland to New Jersey conducted a widespread manhunt for the gunman who escaped officers during a brief chase after the second shooting in Wilmington, Delaware. About 10 hours after the first shooting, authorities announced the suspect had been captured in Newark, Delaware. The police said they did not know what prompted the attacks but stated the suspect had a history of workplace violence.

SOURCE: 18 October 2017, New York Times

(U) Washington – Traffic Stop Leads Moses Lake Officials to \$1.5 Million Worth of Drugs

(U) Moses Lake – A traffic stop and drug bust led Moses Lake police to serve seven warrants that netted \$1.2 million in meth, heroin, and marijuana. It is the largest drug seizure in the history of the Interagency Narcotics Enforcement Team, according to the Grant County Sheriff. Authorities found nearly eight pounds of methamphetamine and heroin during the traffic stop, which led to additional busts in the county where officials netted 25 more pounds of meth, seven pounds of heroin, and 40 pounds of processed marijuana.

SOURCE: 18 October 2017, Associated Press

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(U) Syria – ISIS Defeated in Ragga as 'Major Military Operations' Declared Over

(U) Raqqa – US-backed forces fighting ISIS in Raqqa say "major military operations" in the city have ended and that the extremist group has lost control of their self-declared capital. The development marks a decisive victory in the fight against ISIS, though US officials said there were still pockets of resistance in the city. The defeat of ISIS in Raqqa highlights the group's decline, but it still controls an area along the Euphrates River in northern Syria. Raqqa was the de facto capital of ISIS following the group's territorial gains in Iraq and Syria in 2014.

SOURCE: 18 October 2017, CNN

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